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SUBJECT: CREW OF LADY MARK (MARIJUANA SMUGGLER)

REF: (1) PN 3914, (2) STATE 128370, (3) WAGNER-HINSON TELCON
17 JUNE, (4) RAYMER MEMO OF 17 JUNE POUCHED TO NADEAU
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1. ON JUNE 2 EMBASSY, BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE, INFORMED GOP THAT USG
WOULD NOT PROSECUTE LADY MARK CREW AND ASKED IF GOP INTERESTED IN
EXTRADITING THEM. EMBASSY ASKED IF GOP INTERERESTED IN RECOVERY
OF VESSEL IF IT NOT FORFEITED BY USG. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO
REPLY TO JUNE 2 NOTE AND ASSUMES GOP HAS NO INTEREST IN
PROSECUTING THE COLOMBIAN CREWMEN.

2. REGARDING THE VESSEL ITSELF, EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED NO
REPLY FROM GOP, BUT SOURCE INDICATED GOP INTEREST IN
RECOVERING VESSEL. FYI EMBASSY AWARE THROUGH REFTELCON (3) THAT
BOAT PROBABLY WILL BE CONFISCATED AND SOLD BY USG TO PAY FINES.
THIS INFORMATION NOT YET GIVEN TO GOP. END FYI.

3. ON JUNE 17 EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED FOMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE
OF U.S. AFFAIRS TO REPORT PROBABLE RELEASE OF LADY MARK CREW,
AS REPORTED REFTELCON (3). FOMIN OFFICIAL QUITE PUT OUT TO HEAR
USG HAD ACTED BEFORE GOP HAD REPLIED TO JUNE 2 NOTE. EMBASSY
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OFFICER'S ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN DUE PROCESS AND LAW'S TIME LIMITS
TO NO AVAIL. FOMIN OFFICIAL CALLED DRUG RUNNER CASES "BIG
HEADACHES" AND INDICATED LESS QUICK REPONSE BY GOP IN FUTURE
TO USG REQUESTS FOR BOARDING PANAMANIAN VESSELS.

4. FOMIN HAS NOW ASKED FOR FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF WHAT HAPPENED
TO LADY MARK CREW. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

SO NOTE MAY BE DRAFTED: (A) DATE, PLACE, AND TIME OF RELEASE,
(B) AIRLINE NAME AND NUMBER, (C) AIRLINE DESTINATION, (D) AUTHOR-
ITY FROM WHOSE CUSTODY CREW WAS RELEASED (E.G. INS), (E) DECISION
FOR, OR PROVISION OF LAW NECESSITATING RELEASE.

5. EMBASSY FURTHER REQUESTS INFORMATION REGARDING STATUS
OF, AND VESSEL, AND RECOURSES OPEN TO GOP IF FORFEITURE
PROCEEDINGS TAKE PLACE.
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